

**April 2 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**

Jack Harris

**Opening Prayer**

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Jeff Staggs (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Chase Chapman (A.M.) Terry Chapman (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Jodie Criswell (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Ricky Cissom, Ricky Loveless

**Count and Usher**

Danny Shackelford & Casey Harris

**Prepare Communion**

Janette Rickles & Romia Palmer

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Blair Chapman (04/05/17)

**OUR RECORD**

March 26, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 128

Sunday Morning Worship: 146

Sunday Evening Worship: 125

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 112

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,804

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**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Loveless, Brad McAlister, Joel Moore,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## "SOON IT WILL BE TOO LATE" by Dalton Key

The Bible places a premium on today. Not tomorrow, of which we are warned not to boast. (Proverbs 27:1.) And not next year, of which we have no certainty. (James 4:13-16.) But today. Now.

"Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2.) "But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." (Hebrews 3:13.)

Even our Lord, while in the flesh, understood the transient nature of time and thus the urgency of today. He taught, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night comes, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (John 9:3,4.)

You have yet to obey the gospel? Follow the example of first-century converts who having heard the gospel, obeyed immediately; even, as in one case, "the same hour of the night." (Acts 16:33.) Don't put off your soul's salvation.

The good you intend to do? Do it now. The kindness you plan one day to extend to those you love? Do it now. The forgiveness you know you ought to offer those who have slighted you, offended you or caused you pain? Do it now.

As Emerson once observed, "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

Yesterday is past; tomorrow may never come. "Now is the accepted time."

## Thank God for “Common People” Dan Jenkins

As our Lord came near to the end of His life, the religious leaders saw that they were losing their place of prominence in the sight of most of the people. The ordinary Jews who heard Him showed how fascinated they were by Jesus. They asked the question, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied” (John 7:15)?

The religious leaders “...heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him” and “...sent officers to take Him” (John 7:32). The soldiers returned empty-handed saying, “No man ever spoke like this Man” (John 7:46). The leaders tried to use their influence as religious leaders to persuade men by saying, “Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him” (John 7:48)? This had no impact on the multitudes. Those leaders could not deny His power shown in the resurrection of Lazarus and in their frustration, “...the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death” (John 12:10).

The very next day, Jerusalem was in an uproar as Jesus made that triumphant entry into the city. He had been totally rejected by the “godly” leaders, yet His popularity was so evident. The leaders confronted Him in the temple, and He dealt with every one of their questions. “And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him any more” (Matt. 22:46). They had failed! How did the multitude respond? “And the common people heard Him gladly” (Mark 12:37).

“The common people heard Him...” Thank God for “common people,” for the kingdom of God did not attract nobility, but it was built upon the response of “common people” (1 Cor. 1:26; Jas. 2:5). “Common people” loved Jesus. Jesus spent His life dealing with the “common people.” He ate with sinners and publicans; He helped Legion with the demons; He was part of the life of the woman who had seven demons; He touched the lepers; He felt the touch of a poor woman who touched His garments; He spent time with a woman who had had five husbands and was now living with a man outside of any marriage; He ignored the multitude to heal that blind man who was despised by most; He chose a “terrorist” (Zealot) to be an apostle and chose ignorant and unlearned fishermen to proclaim Him to the world. Thank God for “common people.” Jesus spent His life dealing with the “common people.”

The lesson to be learned from this should be obvious. Our world is filled with those religious leaders and their blind followers, but there are still “common people” who are searching for the meaning of life. As we sow the seed we must never overlook the “common people.” If Jesus were here He would definitely see the “common people” as future saints!

## BAPTISMS

We rejoice with Lily Brewer and Montana Brown as they made the decision to be baptized this past week. Let's all be encouraging to them.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION  
Memphis, TN

Good Luck to all of our participants!

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS  
Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

CHAPMAN  
*SPRING BRING*  
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

We will have a fellowship meal (potluck)  
followed by services at 1:30 p.m.

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Susan Yancey
- **HOSPITAL:** Sadie Fitzgerald (Baptist East Women's Hospital- NICU)
- **TEST:** Tracey Gross
- **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.
- **CANCER:** Dwight Ward, Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer.
- **SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips** (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), **Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home:** **Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*). **Johnnie Carpenter** (*Mailing: Tishomingo Living Center, 1410 West Quitman Street, luka, MS 38852*